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In re application of: Tessier-Lavigne et al.

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Regeneration*

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PROPOSED AFTER FINAL AMENDMENTCommissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Commissioner:

Applicants filed an Appeal in this application on Feb. 23, 2001 - 20 months ago. Because we have yet to receive an Answer to our Appeal, and still face multi-years of Board pendency, we request that the Examiner see if we can find mutually acceptable claim language. Accordingly, please consider the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) An isolated natural sequence Slit-N polypeptide made by:

expressing in a mammalian cell a natural Slit polypeptide selected from the group consisting of of hSlit-1, hSlit-2 and hSlit-3, wherein expressed by the cell are both the Slit polypeptide migrating at ~190kD and a Slit-N polypeptide migrating at ~140kD, wherein the Slit-N polypeptide is an N-terminal cleavage product of the Slit polypeptide and the Slit-N polypeptide is selected from the group consisting of hSlit-1-N, hSlit-2-N and hSlit-3-N; and
isolating the Slit-N polypeptide.

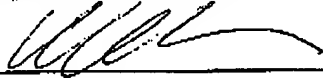
Please cancel claims 2, 4, 12, 13-16 and 21.

REMARKS

Amended claim 1 incorporates the limitations of canceled claims 2 and 4. Support for mammalian expressing cells is found at p.3, line 9; support for the recited migration sizes is found on p.3, lines 16-19. Redundant dependent claims are canceled. Note that human Slit is naturally present in three nearly identical forms: human Slit-1, Slit-2 and Slit-3; see, e.g. Fig.1 of Itoh et al., of record. This amendment introduces no new matter.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account any necessary fees (small entity).

Respectfully submitted,
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